The Letters of Franklin K. Lane

LANE URGED WILSON NOT TO STAND ALOOF

Appealed for Definite Program and Cooperation With Congress-Believed He Himself Could Have Been Nominated for Presidency if He Had Been Native Born-Predicted Taft Waterloo.

Publication by The New York Herald of extracts from the letters and diaries of Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior in the Wilson Cabinet, is drawing to a close. Only two more installments remain after to-day's of this valuable contribution to history. One of these deals with Mr. Lane's hopes and fears for President Wilson's conduct of his office. The closing enstallment is the tragic, and amazing record made by Mr. Lane of the surgical operation from which he failed to recover. This is accompanied by the fragment he wrote on the day before his death—his view of life, death and the unknown future.

> THIRTEENTH INSTALLMENT. (Copyright 1922 by Anne W. Lanc.)

The Supreme bench I could not get because I am a Democrat, and the President could not afford to appoint another Democrat on the bench. I do not know when McKenna goes out, and I am not going to be dismore has borne fruit, and every man turbed about it anyway. If I had not been unlucky enough to be born who has fought with you for the last in Canada I could be nominated for President this year. Things are in sixteen years rejoices that this victory in Canada I could be nominated for President this year. Things are it is yours. Now comes the time when a devil of a condition. We could have elected Wilson hands down if it is to be proved whether we are had not been for Hearst's malevolent influence. He is at the bottom of all this deviltry. His aim is to kill Wilson off and nominate Clark, and Clark is in the lead now, I think. God knows whether he can beat Taft wise, aggressive, modern leadership. or not. It looks to me as if Taft will be nominated. I have a feeling mehow that the Roosevelt boom won't materialize.

Wilson's Election.

WASHINGTON, March 6, 1912. in our history. It looks to me as if the reactionaries were going to get third party will be needed and nobody will have the nerve to start it. Roose-velt has got everything west of the ississippi excepting Utah and Wyo-Mississippi excepting Utah and Wyoming, in my judgment. That he will
be able to get the nomination I am
not so sure; but he does not care a
tlinker's dam whether he gets it himself or not. That is the worst of it
self or not. That is the worst of it
self or not, world won't give anybecause the people won't give any-

WASHINGTON, May 21, 1912. This is the critical day, for if T. R. wins more than half the delegation in Ohio he is nominated, and I might almost say elected. But I find that the Democrats feel more sure of his is gaining strength daily, that is my strength than the Republicans do. best guess. He has the laboring man strength than the Republicans do. best guess. He has the laboring man Have you noticed how extremely with him most enthusiastically but not the primaries, not amount to the primaries, not amount to the primaries. than one-fourth of the Republican men and the miners.

for Underwood to get the disaffected conservative strength, while the other wing will be fighting for Bryan, so as to hold as large a portion of the radi-cal support as possible. Oh, well, we favors Chinese immigration. have all got to come to a real division of parties along lines of tendency and temperament and have those of us who feel democratic wise get into the same wagon, and those who fear democracy and whose first interest is property flock together on the tory

Lane's Prediction.

It looks, as I am writing, as if Wilmore. If he is he will sweep the counvan and Taggert. . . Bryan has tought a most splendid fight. I had a talk with him. He was in splendid

Letter spirits and most cordial. The Califor-nia delegation, headed by Theodore sell, has been made to look like a lot cratic victory in the election of Wood- I saw House a couple of times to

of wooden Indians. Bell himself was shouted down with the cry of "Hearst! It is a mighty critical year, I think, our history. It looks to me as if speak. The delegation is probably the most discredited one in the entire con-

> Now we shall have a chance to see what a college president can do as two elements livi President of the United States. I believe Wilson will be elected. What a splendid jump in three years that man the present victory will be of no value has made! They tell me he is very cold blooded. We need a cold blooded

Roosevelt's Strength.

September 21, 1912. You will by this time have the primaries, not amounting to more Pacific coast-is his. All the railroad

I am not sure of Wilson. He is not "wise" to modern conditions, I fear. awkward position. If Roosevelt is nominated one wing will be fighting many prices. Doesn't he seem to talk many prices. Doesn't he seem to talk too much like a professor and too little like a statesman? Hearst is knifing him for all he is worth. He has fixed

WASHINGTON, September 30, 1912.

I den't want a position in the Cabi-net. I am not looking for any further honors, but I want to help Wilson make a success of his Administration, for I think he will be elected. I am afraid that he will become surrounded by Southern reactionaries-men of his own blood and feeling, who are not of party. the Northern and more progressive type. We have got to cut some sharp corners in doing the things that are right. By this I don't mean that we try. Taft won't carry three States, will do anything that is wrong; but [Taft carried two States, Utah and from the standpoint of the Southern will remeily interesting. That he is head-Vermont.—Editor.] Wilson is clean, strong, high minded and cold blooded. To nominate him would be a tremendous triumph for the anti-Hearst people. I have been over at the convention several times. Hearst defeated Bryan for temporary chairman by making a compact with Murphy, Sullign and Taggert. Bryan has a part Taggert. Bryan has

Letter to Wilson.

Following the news of the Demo-

row Wilson to the Presidency Lane sent these letters:

Washington, Nov. 6, 1912.

My Dear Governor: The door of opportunity has opened to the Progressive Democracy. I know that you will enter courageously. The struggle of the next four years will be to persuade our timid brethren to follow your leadership, "gentlemen unafraid." I am persuaded from my experience here that no President can be a success unless he takes the position of a real party leader—the Premier in Par-liament as well as a Chief Executive. The theoretical idea of the President's aloofness from Congress—of a President dealing with the National Legis-lature as if he were an independent government dealing with another—is wrong, because it has been demonstrated to be ineffective and rulnous. We need definiteness of program and cooperation between both ends of Pennsylvania avenue. There is gen-erally one end of the avenue that does it is one and sometimes the other

Your friends have been made happy through the campaign by the manner in which you have conducted yourself, and masterful diplomat. The fact is You spoiled so many bad prophecies.
With heartiest of personal congratulations, believe me, faithfully yours,
Franklin K. Lane.

Letter to Bryan.

To William Jennings Bryan-

worthy of your confidence. We shall see whether Democrats will follow a

Faithfully yours,
FRANKLIN K. LANE.

North vs. South.

WASHINGTON, November 26, 1912. I had the hope that Col. Roosevelt would carry several of the Southern States. The Democratic party of the North is distinct from the Democratic party of the South, at least I fear that it is. The next four years will demonstrate the possibility of these two elements living together in effec-

to the Democratic party, but may be of great value to the country, for the horizontal cleavage in the two parties will become manifest, unmistakable and open, and out of the breaking up will come a realignment upon real

lines of tendency. If President Wilson attempts to do picked up all the politics of the time.
Wilson is strong, but not stronger able demand of the progressive North than he was when nominated. T. R. he will run counter to the traditional interstate corporations—railroad and industrial—flood waters, frrigation projects. [These] and a multitude of other matters make necessary the wiping out of State lines to the extent that a national policy shall be supreme over a State policy. As our good Spanish friend said some cen-turies ago, "Where two men ride of a horse one must needs ride behind."

This fact is stronger than any written word, and facts are the things which statesmen deal with. South is large enough to see this-if the hope of the Northern Democrat can be realized. Otherwise the tradi-tionalists of both North and South will make a party by themselves, and the rest of the country will follow in your lead into the new party or a new

House and McAdoo.

Washington, December 23, 1912. Dear Mr. Wheeler: What you say resatisfactory man to deal with. He listens quite patiently and makes up his mind, and then "stays put." His Cabinet will be his advisers, but no one will control him.

Snow Eight Feet Deep To Woodgow Wilson, Trenton, N. J. Isolates Utah Valley

coial Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALI New York Merald Bureau. Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.

Eight feet of snow in the pass. No trucks through," was a message received by the Post Office Department today telling of the clogging of one of the longest and most famous mail routes in the United States-

Vernal is at the far end of the isolated Uintah Valley. Government aid road over the pass in the mountains is the only regularly used path of communication between the world and the valley in which there are several towns The mail has been known to run as high as twenty tons in a day. In answer to the cry for help the Post Office Department has arranged to use a caterpillar tractor to break a road through the drifts.

New York. He certainly is an adroit I do not know that I have seen a mar who is altogether so capable of handling a delicate situation. By some look of the eye or appreciative smile at the right moment he gives you to understand his sympathy with and full comprehension of what you are saying to him. They tell me in New York that he is really the man closest to Wilson and he tells me that Wilson is a de lightful man to deal with because he has got a mind that is firm as

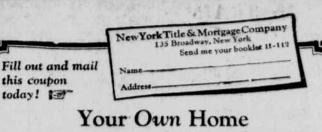
The fourteenth installment of Mr. Lane's letters will appear in THE NEW YORK HERALD to-morrow.

SHIP BOARD TO CONTINUE COAST TO COAST TRADE Refuses Plea of Privately Owned Companies.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 13 .- Government onnage in the intercoastal trade will not be withdrawn, the Shipping Board announced to-day, notwithstanding the contention of privately owned companies that the service was overtonnaged and that the Government ships

should be withdrawn in justice to the private companies.

Commissioner Chamberlain, designated by the Shipping Board to consider the request of the ship owners for removal of the Government tongage, conremoval of the Government tomage, con-ducted a series of hearings and sent out questionnaires. Facts adduced from these were contained in a report ac-cepted by the board, which denied the contention of the ship owners. contention of the saip owners.
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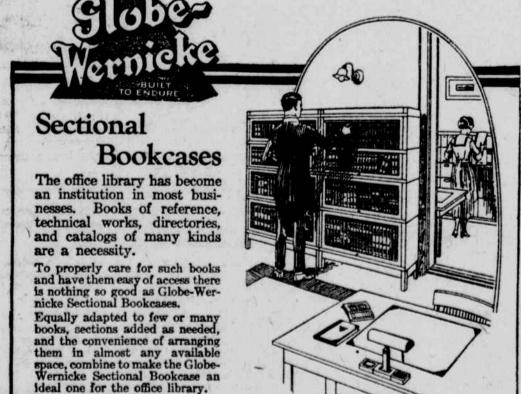
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